

# **STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD**

## **Agenda Consideration**

**TOPIC: Proclamation: Month of the Young  
Adolescent- October 2004**

**ITEM NO: 8F**

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**MEETING: September 28, 2004**

**ACTION DATE: September 28, 2004**

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: Approve the proclamation establishing October 2004 as Month of the Young Adolescent in Stafford County Public Schools.**

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**KEY POINTS:**

1. The importance of parents being knowledgeable about young adolescents and being actively involved in their lives;
2. The understanding that healthy bodies plus healthy minds equal healthy young adolescents;
3. The realization that the education young adolescents experience during this formative period of life will, in large measure, determine the future for all citizens;
4. The knowledge that every young adolescent should have the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and aspirations; and
5. The importance of continuing to implement Strong Students, Safe-Schools initiatives that develop adolescents with good decision-making skills.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: GOAL 7 Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn. Encourage awareness of the developmental needs and characteristics of young adolescents and how these influence parenting practices, health conditions and educational programs for this age group.**

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**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:**